

Please amend claims 1, 3-5, 7, 46, 48-50, and 52 and add claims 64-77 as set forth below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. (currently amended) A composition useful for the non-addictive treatment ~~and/or prevention of an upper airway condition of~~ rhinitis in a subject, the composition comprising effective amounts of a suitable nasal decongestant; a suitable corticosteroid; and a suitable anticholinergic agent.
2. (original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the subject is a human.
3. (currently amended) The composition of claim 2, wherein ~~the upper airway condition is rhinitis~~ the rhinitis is selected from the group consisting of allergic rhinitis, non-allergic rhinitis, and mixed rhinitis.
4. (currently amended) The composition of claim 3, wherein the rhinitis is ~~selected from the group consisting of allergic rhinitis, non-allergic rhinitis, and mixed rhinitis.~~
5. (currently amended) A composition useful for the non-addictive treatment of pharyngitis in ~~The composition of claim 1 wherein the subject is an animal, the composition comprising effective amounts of a suitable nasal decongestant; a suitable corticosteroid; and a~~

suitable anticholinergic agent.

6. (original) The composition of claim 5, wherein the animal is selected from the group consisting of a horse, a dog, and a cat.

7. (currently amended) The composition of claim 6, wherein the animal is a horse ~~and the upper airway condition is pharyngitis.~~

8. (original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the composition is a liquid.

9. (original) The composition of claim 8, wherein the composition is a liquid and at least a selected one of the suitable nasal decongestant, the suitable corticosteroid or the suitable anticholinergic agent is in solution in the composition.

10. (original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the suitable nasal decongestant is selected from the group consisting of oxymetazoline hydrochloride, phenylephrine hydrochloride, phenylpropylamine hydrochloride, pseudophedrine and combinations thereof.

11. (original) The composition of claim 10, wherein the suitable nasal decongestant is oxymetazoline hydrochloride and the effective amount is from between about 0.25 ml to about 4.0 ml of a 0.05% solution of oxymetazoline hydrochloride.

12. (original) The composition of claim 11, wherein the effective amount is about 2.0

ml of a 0.05% solution of oxymetazoline hydrochloride.

13. (original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the suitable corticosteroid is selected from the group consisting of betamethazone dipropionate, flunisolide, triamcinolone acetate, fluticasone propionate and hydrocortisone.

14. (original) The composition of claim 13, wherein the suitable corticosteroid is triamcinolone acetate and the effective amount is from between about 3.0 ml to about 24.0 ml of a 0.25 gram/ml solution of triamcinolone acetate.

15. (original) The composition of claim 14, wherein the effective amount is about 6.0 ml of a 0.25 gram/ml solution of triamcinolone acetate.

16. (original) The composition of claim 13, wherein the suitable corticosteroid is betamethasone dipropionate and the effective amount is from between about 3.0 ml to about 24.0 ml of a 84 meq/0.1 ml solution of betamethasone dipropionate.

17. (original) The composition of claim 16, wherein the effective amount is about 6 ml of a 84 meq/0.1 ml solution of betamethasone dipropionate.

18. (original) The composition of claim 13, wherein the suitable corticosteroid is budesonide and the effective amount is from between about 3.0 ml to about 24.0 ml of a 384 meq/ml solution of budesonide.

19. (original) The composition of claim 18, wherein the effective amount is about 5 ml of a 384 meq/ml solution of budesonide.

20. (original) The composition of claim 13, wherein the suitable corticosteroid is flunisolide and the effective amount is from between about 3.0 ml to about 24.0 ml of a 0.025% solution of flunisolide.

21. (original) The composition of claim 20, wherein the effective amount is about 11 ml of a 0.025% solution of flunisolide.

22. (original) The composition of claim 13, wherein the suitable corticosteroid is fluticasone propionate and the effective amount is from between about 3.0 ml to about 24.0 ml of a 100 meq/ml solution of fluticasone propionate.

23. (original) The composition of claim 22, wherein the effective amount is about 10 ml of a fluticasone propionate solution such that the final concentration of fluticasone propionate in the composition is about 100 meq/0.10 ml.

24. (original) The composition of claim 13, wherein the suitable corticosteroid is mometasone furonate monohydrate and the effective amount is from between about 5.0 ml to about 40.0 ml of a 0.05% solution of mometasone furonate monohydrate.

25. (original) The composition of claim 24, wherein the effective amount is about 10 ml of a 0.05% solution of mometasone furonate monohydrate such that the final concentration of mometasone furonate monohydrate in the composition is about 100 meq/0.10 ml.

26. (original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the suitable anticholinergic agent is selected from the group consisting of atropine, scopolomine, ipratropium bromide and combinations thereof.

27. (original) The composition of claim 26, wherein the suitable anticholinergic agent is ipratropium bromide and the effective amount is from between about 1.25 ml to about 12.0 ml of a 42 meq/ml solution of ipratropium bromide.

28. (original) The composition of claim 27, wherein the effective amount is about 5 ml of a 42 meq/ml solution of ipratropium bromide.

29. (original) The composition of claim 1, further comprising an effective amount of a suitable antihistamine.

30. (original) The composition of claim 30, wherein the suitable antihistamine is selected from the group consisting of cetirizine, chlorpheniramine, diphenhydramine, dexchlorpheniramine, astemizole, azelastine hydrochloride, acrivastine, loratadine, terfenadine, cyproheptidine and combinations thereof.

31. (original) The composition of claim 30, wherein the suitable antihistamine is azelastine hydrochloride and the effective amount is from between about 1.25 ml to about 7.5 ml of a 0.1% solution of azelastine hydrochloride.

32. (original) The composition of claim 31, wherein the effective amount is about 5 ml of a 0.1% solution of azelastine hydrochloride.

33. (original) The composition of claim 1, further comprising an effective amount of a suitable antimicrobial agent.

34. (original) The composition of claim 33, wherein the suitable antimicrobial agent is selected from the group consisting of an antibiotic, an antibacterial, an antifungal, an antiviral and combinations thereof.

35. (original) The composition of claim 1, further comprising an effective amount of a suitable cytokine modulator.

36 (original) The composition of claim 35, wherein the cytokine modulator is selected from the group consisting of pimecrolimus, tacrolimus, zileuton and combinations thereof.

37. (original) The composition of claim 1, further comprising an effective amount of a suitable antileukotriene or a leukotriene receptor antagonist.

38. (original) The composition of claim 37, wherein the suitable leukotriene receptor antagonist is selected from the group consisting of montelukast sodium, zafirlukast and combinations thereof.

39. (original) The composition of claim 1, further comprising an effective amount of cromolyn sodium.

40. (original) The composition of claim 1, further comprising an effective amount of nedocromil sodium.

41. (original) The composition of claim 1, further comprising an effective amount of a suitable non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agent.

42. (original) The composition of claim 41, wherein the suitable non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agent is selected from the group consisting of acetaminophen, ibuprofen, ketofen, rofecoxib, celecoxib, flunixin meglumine and combinations thereof.

43. (original) The composition of claim 1, wherein a suitable non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agent is substituted for the suitable corticosteroid in the composition.

44. (original) The composition of claim 1, further comprising an effective amount of a suitable aromatic agent.

45. (original) The composition of claim 44, wherein the suitable aromatic agent is selected from the group consisting of camphor, menthol, eucalyptus and combinations thereof.

46. (withdrawn - currently amended) A method for the non-addictive treatment ~~and/or prevention of an upper airway condition~~ of rhinitis in a subject comprising administering to the subject an effective amount of a composition comprised of effective amounts of a suitable nasal decongestant; a suitable corticosteroid; and a suitable anticholinergic agent.

47. (withdrawn) The method of claim 46, wherein the subject is a human.

48. (withdrawn - currently amended) The method of claim 47, wherein ~~the upper airway condition is rhinitis~~ the rhinitis is selected from the group consisting of allergic rhinitis, non-allergic rhinitis, and mixed rhinitis.

49. (withdrawn - currently amended) The method of claim 48, wherein the rhinitis is ~~selected from the group consisting of allergic rhinitis, non-allergic rhinitis, and mixed rhinitis.~~

50. (withdrawn - currently amended) A method for the non-addictive treatment of pharyngitis in ~~The method of claim 46, wherein the subject is an animal, the composition comprising effective amounts of a suitable nasal decongestant; a suitable corticosteroid; and a~~ suitable anticholinergic agent.

51. (withdrawn) The method of claim 50, wherein the animal is selected from the

group consisting of a horse, a dog, and a cat.

52. (withdrawn – currently amended) The method of claim 51, wherein the animal is a horse ~~and the upper airway condition is pharyngitis.~~

53. (withdrawn) The method of claim 46, wherein the composition is administered topically.

54. (withdrawn) The method of claim 46, wherein the composition is administered intranasally.

55. (withdrawn) The method of claim 46, wherein the composition further comprises an effective amount of a suitable antihistamine.

56. (withdrawn) The method of claim 46, wherein the composition further comprises an effective amount of a suitable antimicrobial agent.

57. (withdrawn) The method of claim 46, wherein the composition further comprises an effective amount of a suitable cytokine modulator.

58. (withdrawn) The method of claim 46, wherein the composition further comprises an effective amount of a suitable antileukotriene or a leukotriene receptor antagonist.

59. (withdrawn) The method of claim 46, wherein the composition further comprises an effective amount of cromolyn sodium.

60. (withdrawn) The method of claim 46, wherein the composition further comprises an effective amount of nedocromil sodium.

61. (withdrawn) The method of claim 46, wherein the composition further comprises an effective amount of a suitable non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agent.

62. (withdrawn) The method of claim 46, wherein a suitable non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agent is substituted for the suitable corticosteroid in the composition.

63. (withdrawn) The method of claim 46, wherein the composition further comprises an effective amount of a suitable aromatic agent.

64. (new) The composition of claim 3, wherein the rhinitis is non-allergic rhinitis.

65. (new) The composition of claim 3, wherein the rhinitis is allergic rhinitis.

66. (new) The composition of claim 1, wherein the suitable nasal decongestant is oxymetazoline hydrochloride, the suitable corticosteroid is triamcinolone acetate, and the suitable anticholinergic agent is ipratropium bromide.

67. (new) The composition of claim 66, further comprising a suitable aromatic agent.
68. (new) The composition of claim 67, wherein the suitable aromatic agent is selected from the group consisting of camphor, menthol, eucalyptus and combinations thereof.
69. (new) The composition of claim 66, wherein the effective amounts are: about 2 parts of 0.05% solution of oxymetazoline hydrochloride; about 6 parts of 0.25 gram/ml of triamcinolone acetate; and about 5 parts 42 meq/0.1 ml solution of ipratropium bromide.
70. (new) The composition of claim 69, further comprising a suitable aromatic agent.
71. (new) The composition of claim 70, wherein the suitable aromatic agent is selected from the group consisting of camphor, menthol, eucalyptus and combinations thereof.
72. (new) The composition of claim 69, wherein the composition can be used on a long term basis without the subject developing an addiction to the composition.
73. (new) The method of claim 48, wherein the rhinitis is non-allergic rhinitis.
74. (new) The method of claim 48, wherein the rhinitis is allergic rhinitis.
75. (new) The method of claim 46, wherein the suitable nasal decongestant is oxymetazoline hydrochloride, the suitable corticosteroid is triamcinolone acetate, and the

suitable anticholinergic agent is ipratropium bromide.

76. (new) The method of claim 75, wherein the composition further comprises a suitable aromatic agent.

77. (new) The method of claim 76, wherein the suitable aromatic agent is selected from the group consisting of camphor, menthol, eucalyptus and combinations thereof.